GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – PR&RD – Irregularities noticed in implementation of Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) programme under Swachh Bharath Mission in Peapually Mandal of Kurnool District by the staff of Panchayat Raj & Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Departments – Common disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges framed against Sri G.R.Sreenivasulu, former Panchayat Secretary, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-3) - Orders – Issued.

PR&RD (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 626 Dated: 06-11-2020.

Read the following :

G.O.Ms.No.682, PR & RD (Vigilance-IV) Department, dated 06-11-2020.
G.O.Ms.No.684, PR & RD (Vigilance-IV) Department, dated 06-11-2020.

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O R D E R :

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference 2nd read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Sri G.R.Sreenivasulu, former Panchayat Secretary, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-3) under Rule 20 of the said rules. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of witnesses by whom and a list of documents by which the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

2. Sri G.R.Sreenivasulu, former Panchayat Secretary, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-3) is directed to submit a written statement of his defence, within ten days of the receipt of this Order .

3. Sri G.R.Srinivasulu, former Panchayat Secretary, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-3) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

4. Sri G.R.Srinivasulu, former Panchayat Secretary, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-3) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 2 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

5. Attention of Sri G.R.Srinivasulu, former Panchayat Secretary, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-3) is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from

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another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

6. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individual concerned.
(through Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District with a request to serve the G.O on to the individual & furnish served copy with dated acknowledgement).

Copy to

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Building no.5, Velgapudi, Guntur District.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, 2nd floor, NTR Administrative block, Pandit Nehru Bus Stand, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Collector, Kurnool District.
The Chief Executive Officer, Kurnool District.
The Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district
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A N NEX U R E - I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI G.R.SREENIVASULU, S/O.G.C.VENKATESH, FORMERLY PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, RACHARLA VILLAGE, PEAPULLY MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT

That Sri G.R.Srinivasulu, S/o.G.C.Venkatesh, joined into Government Service as Driver on 02-02-1994 and worked at Peddakottala village of Nandyal Mandal, Mahadevapuram Village of Sirivella Mandal, Revapuram & A.Kodur of Bandi Atmakur Mandal in Kurnool District and worked as Panchayat Secretary at Racherla Village, Peapully Mandal from 21-08-2015 to 30-10-2017 (Retired voluntarily on 30-10-2017). While working as Panchayat Secretary, Racharla Village, Peapully Mandal, he committed grave misconduct in as much as :

Charge : The Government servant had conducted irregular verification of Latrines constructed under IHHLs scheme and he had geo-tagged them irregularly in the capacity of geo-tagging officer for Racharla Village in implementation of IHHL scheme under Swachh Bharat Mission program due to which irregular payment of Rs.2,67,000/- was made to the in-eligible persons.

Thus, Sri G.R.Srinivasulu, as Panchayat Secretary (Retired), Racherla Village, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District by his above mentioned acts, has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of public servant and there by contravened Rules 3 (1), 3 (2) & 3 (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 read with rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised pension Rules, 1980.

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A N N E X U R E - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI G.R.SREENIVASULU, S/O.G.C.VENKATESH, FORMERLY PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, RACHARLA VILLAGE, PEAPULLY MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT

That Sri G.R.Srinivasulu, S/o.G.C.Venkatesh, joined into Government Service as Driver on 02-02-1994 and worked at Peddakottala village of Nandyal Mandal, Mahadevapuram Village of Sirivella Mandal, Revapuram & A.Kodur of Bandi Atmakur Mandal in Kurnool District and worked as Panchayat Secretary at Racherla Village, Peapully Mandal from 21-08-2015 to 30-10-2017. The date of birth of Sri G.R.Srinivasulu is 27-01-1968 and he has been retired voluntarily on 30-10-2017. He is here-in-after referred to as Retired Government Servant (R.G.S).

Charge : The Government servant had conducted irregular verification of Latrines constructed under IHHLs scheme and he had geo-tagged them irregularly in the capacity of geo-tagging officer for Racharla Village in implementation of IHHL scheme under Swachh Bharat Mission program due to which irregular payment of Rs.2,67,000/- was made to the in-eligible persons.

Facts and Evidence : Sri Buggana Rajendranath Reddy, MLA, Dhone, Kurnool District sent a petition to the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, that irregularities took place in implementation of the IHHL scheme in Jakkasani Kuntla, Chandrapalli, Vutakonda, Peddapaya, Madhavaram and Racharla Villages of Peapully mandal, Kurnool District. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau endorsed the said petition to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau Kurnool to conduct enquiry. Accordingly, the Deputy Superintendent of Police conducted the enquiry. The enquiry revealed that the Central Government had been implementing IHHL scheme under SBM- Grameena Program and the same has been in implementation since 2nd October, 2014 in a saturation mode under 100% subsidy. As part of implementation of scheme of peapully mandal and the IKP / Velugu staff visited the villages conducted survey and found that latrines were not existing in the villages and kept the list in RWS website and the same list was identified as beneficiaries under IHHL scheme. The scheme also provides that apart from the said list if any eligible beneficiary found in the village can also apply for IHHL Latrine and after due enquiry by the concerned Panchayat Secretary the Government would sanction IHHL Latrine. The Government has also decided in some of the villages to allow Non Government Organizations to construct IHHL Latrines in the villages after Gram Panchayat passes resolution to that effect. After construction of IHHL, State vide verification would be done such as geo tagging by the concerned employee, recording of m-books, check measuring, etc and after completion of these verifications the unit cost of Rs.12,000/- for 4 x 3 size and Rs.15,000/- for 4 x 6 size latrines would be released to the bank accounts of concerned NGOs / beneficiaries. The amount would be sanctioned to the beneficiaries in two phases, i.e., (1) after construction of soak pit tank-1st phase amount Rs.5,000/- and (2) after completion of construction of IHHL latrine-2nd phase amount of Rs.7,000/- will be remitted to the beneficiaries bank account.

During the enquiry it is found that for proper implementation of the scheme and making payment to the applications, the MPDO has to make physical verification of construction of latrine before recommending for release of payments and in case of any payment is made to the beneficiaries irregularly the concerned MPDO is responsible and to this extent the District Collector also issued orders that during implementation of the program payments can be made to the beneficiaries only after physical verification and satisfaction of the Mandal level Team of officials.

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During the course of enquiry a letter has been addressed to the Superintendent Engineer, R&B, with a request to nominate a team of officials of AE, R&B to accompany ACB officials to Jakkasani Kuntla, Chandrapalli, Vutakonda, Peddapaya, Madhavaram and Racharla Villages of peapually Mandal to assess the approximate age of the doubtful latrines. Accordingly, Sri V.Ravichandra, AEE, R&B, Peapully Mandal was nominated for the verification of the approximate age of construction of the said latrines is more than 4 years. Sri Ravichandra gave a detailed report along with Xerox photographs of the IHHLs which were taken photograph at the time of the physical verification vide C.No.Nil/2018, dated 09-04-2018.

The details of the said IHHL Latines which appear to have been constructed prior to four years before inspection are as follows :

Sl No	Beneficiary ID	Name of the beneficiary	Probable age of IHHL	Name of the village	Remarks	Amount sanctioned (as per online data) Rs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Racherla Grampanchayat					
1	33562381	Tekuri Meena Kumari	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed with building about 6 – 7 years back	12,000
2	33614341	T.Sujatha	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Individual	12,000
3	49029010	Shaik Shareef	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Individual	12,000
4	48238228	Vadagandlla Sukanya	8 – 9 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 8 – 9 years back	12,000
5	48149561	Gudise Lalithamma	5 – 6 years old	Racherla	Individual	12,000
6	33614399	Kurakula Sasikala	7 – 8 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 7 to 8 years back	12,000
7	33614552	Sunnapu Lakshmidevi	No latrine	Racherla	Latrine doesn't exist	12,000
8	33562213	Shaik Bibi	No latrine	Racherla	Latrine doesn't exist	12,000
9	33614334	C.Lakshmi	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Individual	12,000
10	33614205	T.Kambamg ari Ramudu	2 – 3 years old	Racherla	Without walls and roof, latrine basin was kept	12,000
11	33562498	Rajini Yadav	No latrine	Racherla	Latrine not exist	15,000
12	48238478	Gosanipalli Kumari	No latrine	Racherla	Latrine not exist	12,000
13	33562218	Moula bi	7 – 8 years old	Racherla	Individual	12,000
14	49029003	Allagadda Narayanam ma	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 6 to 7 years back.	12,000
15	33562394	Gantala Bhaskar Reddy	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 6 to 7 years back	12,000
16	33614354	Malitisubadh ra	8 – 9 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 8 to 9 years back	12,000
17	49029008	Kumarri Maddilety	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed separately. It seems 6 to 7 years old	12,000

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18	33562371	Shaik Rameeja Bi	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed separately. It seems 6 to 7 years old	12,000
19	49029016	M.Suvarna	No latrine	Racherla	Latrine not exist	12,000
20	135438893	Shaik Vannur Bee	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 6 to 7 years back	12,000
21	48238226	Kumarri Chinnamma	9 – 10 years old	Racherla	Individual. Not attached to house	12,000
22	48238452	Thangasani Nagarathanamma	8 – 9 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 8 to 9 years back	12,000
23	48149168	V.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy	5 – 6 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed separately. It seems 5 to 6 years old	12,000
	T O T A L					2,67,000

That Sri G.R.Srinivasulu failed to geo tag the IHHLs property constructed under SBM programme in Racherla Village, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District and thereby he is responsible for irregular payment of Rs.2,67,000/- to the beneficiaries.

Thus, Sri G.R.Srinivasulu, as Panchayat Secretary (Retired) Racharla Village, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district, by his above mentioned acts, has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of public servant and there by contravened Rules 3 (1), 3 (2) & 3 (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 read with rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised pension Rules, 1980.

The Retired Government Servant has therefore, rendered himself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

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A N N E X U R E – III

List of witnesses in support of the Charges proposed to be sustained.

1.Sri M.Visweswara Naidu, Zilla Parishath Chief Executive Officer, Kurnool.
2.Sri J.Hari Babu, Superintendent Engineer, RWS&S Department, Kurnool.
3.Sri V.Ravi Chandra, Assistant Executive Engineer, R&B Department, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.
4.Mandal Parishath Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.
5.Sri Buggana Rajendranath, MLA, Done and Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, A.P.Legislative Assembly.
6.Sri S.Khader Basha, Inspector of Police, ACB, Kunrool Range, Kurnool.

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A N N E X U R E – IV

List of documents in support of the Charges proposed to be sustained.

1.Rc.No.C/83, dated 03-01-2018-1, of Mandal Parishath Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.

2.Rc.No.C/83, dated 03-01-2018-2, of Mandal Parishath Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.

3.Lr.No.C3/781/2013, dated 08-01-2018 of Superintendent Engineer, (i/c), RWS&S, Kurnool.

4.Rc.No.A8/12/2018, dated 17-01-2018, of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishath, Kurnool District.

5.Rc.No.E6/508/2017, dated 05-03-2018, of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishath, Kurnool District.

6.Rc.No.E6/508/2017, dated 22-03-2018, of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishath, Kurnool District.

7.C.No.Nil/2018, dated 09-04-2018, of AEE, R&B, Peapully, Kurnool District.

8.Rc.No.C/65/2017, dated 12-06-2018, of Mandal Parishath Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.

9.Written Statement of Sri Buggana Rajendranath, MLA, Dhone, Kurnool District & Public Accounts Committee Chairman, AP Legislative Assembly.

10.Written Statement of Sri J.Hari Babu, Superintendent Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, (RWS&S) Department, Kurnool.

11.Written Statement of Sri M.Veswawara Naidu, Zilla Parishath Chief Executive Officer, Kurnool.

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